

In the Claims:

Amend claims 3, 28, and 33 as follows.

D1  
3. (Twice Amended) The isolated fusion nucleic acid sequence of claim 37,  
wherein the regulation of mRNA functionality comprises an alteration in pre-mRNA  
processing or in the stabilization, translational efficiency, localization, sequestration,  
editing, or splicing function of said mRNA form of said fusion nucleic acid.

D2  
28. (Twice Amended) The isolated fusion nucleic acid of claim 32, wherein the  
nucleotide sequence of said first nucleic acid comprises SEQ ID NO:17.

D3  
33. (Amended) The isolated fusion nucleic acid of claim 32, wherein said fusion  
nucleic acid is DNA.

Add new claims 35-37.

35. (New) The isolated fusion nucleic acid of claim 33, wherein said DNA is  
cDNA.

D4  
36. (New) The isolated fusion nucleic acid of claim 32, wherein said first nucleic  
acid has RNA binding protein (RBP) binding activity.

37. (New) The isolated fusion nucleic acid of claim 32, wherein said first nucleic acid regulates the functionality of the mRNA form of said fusion nucleic acid.

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